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EASTERN USSR FISHING SEASON STARTS;
PLANTS TO BE ENLARGED, MODERNIZED

OKHOTSK FISH PLANT EXPANDS -- Tikhookeanskaya Zvezda, No 111, 13 May 49

In 1948, the Okhotsk Fish Plant (director, Petr Afanas'yevich Nenekhov) processed more than 20,000 centners of fish. The 1949 plan calls for processing 100,000 fish, a goal which has necessitated considerable expansion and further mechanization of facilities. The plant completed the basic preparatory work by mid-April, by which time 1,200 linear meters of hydraulic troughs had been built, 1,650 linear meters of pipe laid for the shore water main, six conveyor installations installed, and 1,633 tank sections made. Ten days later, workmen completed the assembly and reconstruction of additional fish pumps, conveyors, and water-supply installations, and electrification of the shops. The plant is now ready for the season.

OKHOTSK TRUST LAGS IN SEASON PREPARATIONS -- Tikhookeanskaya Zvezda, No 112, 14 May 49

The Okhotsk State Fish Trust has not been making effective use of the large amount of assistance it received this year in improving and expanding its facilities. The trust has permitted a serious lag in meeting the schedule for completing repairs and preparations for the spring season both on the self-propelled and tug fleet and the shore installations. The completion date, postponed from 15 April to 5 May, still has not been met. At present, only half of the hydraulic troughs have been equipped, only 15 hydraulic conveyors instead of 24 have been made ready, and repair has not been completed on the fish wharves. A more serious lag has been permitted in preparing fish pumps. Only four instead of 22 paired installations have been assembled for operation.

The Morskoy, Partizanskiy, Rechnoy, and a number of other fish plants are among the least prepared in the trust, having completed

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only 40 - 60 percent of necessary preparations. The Tangorskiy Plant, reported as being completely ready for the season, has not yet repaired several of its boats and conveyers and lacks spare motor parts. The Kukhtuyskiy Plant, which is scheduled to receive 10,000 centners of fish per day, has been capable of taking in only 1,000 centners because the shore installations are not in good working order. A similar situation has occurred at the Novo-Ustinskiy Plant.

ICE SLOWS OKHOTSK FISHING -- Tikhookeanskaya Zvezda, No 110, 12 May 49

The fishing season has started on the Okhotsk coast. Ice is presenting some difficulty, but the fishermen are using all possible means to take advantage of the season. Fish plants are organizing the catch not only on the coast, in areas freed of ice, but also in the river mouths. Ocean casting nets are being renovated for use in rivers, and training of fishermen has been started. The Dal'niy, Tagayanskiy, and other fish plants have been using nets, and fishing by casting nets is being carried on in river mouths in order not to lose valuable time.

KHABAROVSK FISH PLANTS MODERNIZED -- Tikhookeanskaya Zvezda, No 117, 20 May 49

All fish plants and combines in Nizhne-Amur Oblast have made a concerted effort in the last few months to modernize facilities and expand production capacity. Preparatory work at the Okhotsk Fish Plant has been completed for a long time. Breakwaters, on which have been laid 1,200 linear meters of hydraulic troughs, have been built, and two fish docks have been built and one renovated. Water mains have been laid, a fish pump conveyor assembled, and the electric power plant repaired by the plant's electricians. Many machine parts are now being produced in the plant area.

Technologists in many of the oblast's enterprises are engaged in changing and modernizing fish-catching methods, transport, unloading, processing, and intershop deliveries. Engineer N. I. Vazhnovaya of the Nizhneye Pronge Combine has designed a sorting conveyor, all parts of which, except for the electric motors, were produced in the combine's machine shop. The cannery has been converted to continuous-method production. Construction of a mechanized salting station has been planned, and assembly of a mechanized combined ice-crusher and conveyor is being completed. Six new "kungasy" with cold-storage facilities for transporting fish are ready for launching.

The Puir Plant is mechanizing all labor-consuming processes. The plant is installing for the first time scraper conveyors for unloading fish from boats and for transport of fish to the work area. The design of the hydraulic trough system has been modernized to provide for direct delivery of fish to the tanks. Processing of fish has been simplified at the Oserpakhskiy Combine. The Dzhaor Fish Plant has built 4 "kungasy" having facilities for transporting fish packed in ice, an innovation which should increase the variety and quality of fish produced.

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NIZHNE - AMUR FISHERMEN START SEASON -- Tikhookeanskeya Zvezda, No 119,
22 May 49

Fish combines and kolkhozes in Nizhne - Amur Oblast are successfully meeting the current fishing season. Herring fishing, using stationary and casting nets, is being done on a 24-hour basis in Tungusskaya [sic] Bay. The first schools of herring have been sighted in the vicinity of the A'sen Combine. Kolkhoz and State fishermen in the vicinity of the Aldoma and Tukchi plants have caught their first 1,600 centners of herring.

KUPINSKIY RAYON FULFILLS FISH PLAN -- Sovetskaya Sibir', No 102,
25 May 49

Kupinskiy Rayon, located in an important fishing area of Novosibirsk Oblast, was the first to fulfill the fish-catching plan not only in the oblast but in the entire area from the Ural Mountains to the Transbaykal. The country has received thousands of puds of Siberian fish. Kupinskiy Rayon fishermen have determined to complete two year plans during 1949, to fulfill the postwar Five-Year Plan in 3½ years, and to make hundreds of thousands of rubles' profit.

Zdvinskiy and Mikhaylovskiy Rayons, Novosibirsk Oblast, have almost completed the year plan for the fish catch.

OCEANOGRAPHY INSTITUTE OPENS AFFILIATE -- Pravda, No 155, 4 Jun 49

An affiliate of the All-Union Scientific Research Institute of Fish Economy and Oceanography has been opened in Zelenogradsk, Kaliningrad Oblast.

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